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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 06 November 2008.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-22 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-22 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☒ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/CDC)
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

1. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

2. Claims 1-22 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Bridgelall (US 6,717,516) in view of Kuntze (WO 01/39108 with partial reference to Kotola US 6,892,052)

Referring to Claim 1, Bridgelall teaches a dual mode transceiver, comprising:

A mixer; and

A controller configured to adapt the transceiver to operate in two modes operating either as a radio frequency (RF) tag reader 44 (fig. 2) or as a Bluetooth transceiver 42 (fig. 2) by changing its reception and transmission capabilities of the transceiver (see col. 5, lines 1-15).

Bridgelall does not teach controlling the mixer to operate in both of the two modes, wherein the mixer is usable for said transceiver operating as said RF tag reader or said Bluetooth transceiver. Kuntze teaches controlling the mixer to operate in both of the two modes wherein the mixer is usable for said transceiver operating as said RF tag reader or said Bluetooth transceiver (see fig. 1 and col. 2, lines 1-15 of Kotola where in the explanation of the Kuntze reference, it is clear that the mixer operates in RFID and Bluetooth systems). Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the

art at the time the invention was made to provide the teachings of Kuntze to said device of Bridgelall in order to reduce the cost and hassle of carrying two separate devices.

Referring to Claim 2, Bridgelall also teaches said Bluetooth transceiver is useable as a transceiver for a 2.4 gigahertz industrial, scientific and medical band radio frequency tag reader system (see col. 5, lines 1-15).

Referring to Claim 3, Bridgelall also teaches an integrated circuit (see 58 in fig. 2).

Referring to Claim 4, Bridgelall also teaches a mobile terminal (fig. 1).

Referring to Claim 5, Bridgelall teaches a radio device having a radio receiver and a radio transmitter wherein operability of said device is in two modes (see col. 5, lines 1-15), wherein said device is configured to operate in a Bluetooth mode 42 (fig. 2) and a radio frequency (RF) tag reader mode 44 (fig. 2), said radio receiver and said radio transmitter comprising a single transceiver that is operable as a Bluetooth transceiver in said Bluetooth mode and an RF tag reader in said RF tag reader mode by control of its reception and transmission capabilities (see col. 5, lines 1-15).

Bridgelall does not teach using a single antenna in an RF tag reader mode or Bluetooth mode by control of a same mixer of said receiver or of said transmitter to operate said same mixer in both of the two modes. Kuntze teaches using a single antenna in an RF tag reader mode or Bluetooth mode (see 6 of fig. 1) by control of a same mixer of said receiver or of said transmitter to operate said same mixer in both of the two modes (see fig. 1 and col. 2, lines 1-15 of Kotola where in the explanation of the Kuntze reference, it is clear that the same mixer operates in RFID and Bluetooth

systems). Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to provide the teachings of Kuntze to said device of Bridgelall in order to reduce the cost and hassle of carrying two separate devices.

Referring to Claim 6, Bridgelall also teaches said operability of said radio device in either mode is by using said radio receiver and said radio transmitter (see col. 5, lines 1-15).

Referring to Claim 7, Bridgelall also teaches said radio device incorporated in a device having additional device functionality (see col. 5, lines 29-46).

Referring to Claim 8, Bridgelall also teaches the device in which said radio device is incorporated comprising a mobile telephone (see 24, 26, and 28 in fig. 1).

Referring to Claim 9, Bridgelall also teaches said radio device installed in a mobile telephone (see 24, 26, and 28 in fig. 1).

Referring to Claim 10, Bridgelall teaches an apparatus comprising a transceiver including a radio receiver 38 and 34 (fig. 2), and a radio transmitter 38 and 34 (fig. 2), and further comprising a signal processor 50 (fig. 2), wherein the radio receiver is responsive to an incoming analog radio signal for providing a down converted and modulated signal to said signal processor, wherein the radio transmitter is responsive to an output signal from said signal processor for transmission as an outgoing analog radio signal (see col. 6, lines 37-60), said apparatus further comprising a controller for controlling said apparatus in two modes, a first mode for operating as a Bluetooth device and a second mode for operating as a radio frequency (RF) tag reader (see col. 6, lines 60-67 and col. 7, lines 1-3), wherein said radio receiver and said radio

transmitter comprises a single transceiver that is configured to operate as an RF tag reader or as a Bluetooth transceiver (see col. 5, lines 1-15).

Bridgelall does not teach using a single antenna in an RF tag reader mode or Bluetooth mode by control of a same mixer of said receiver or of said transmitter to operate said same mixer in both of the two modes. Kuntze teaches using a single antenna in an RF tag reader mode or Bluetooth mode (see 6 of fig. 1) by control of a same mixer of said receiver or of said transmitter to operate said same mixer in both of the two modes (see fig. 1 and col. 2, lines 1-15 of Kotola where in the explanation of the Kuntze reference, it is clear that the same mixer operates in RFID and Bluetooth systems). Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to provide the teachings of Kuntze to said device of Bridgelall in order to reduce the cost and hassle of carrying two separate devices.

Referring to Claim 11, Bridgelall teaches a control for controlling a radio device in two modes, a first mode for operating as a Bluetooth transceiver 42 (fig. 2) and a second mode to operating as a radio frequency (RF) tag reader 44 (fig. 2) wherein said radio device comprises a single transceiver controlled by said control to operate as said RF tag reader or as said Bluetooth transceiver by changing its reception and transmission capabilities (see col. 5, lines 1-15).

Bridgelall does not teach controlling a mixer to operate both in the first mode operating as a mixer for the radio device operating as said Bluetooth transceiver and in the second mode operating as a mixer for the radio device operating as said radio frequency tag reader. Kuntze teaches a single antenna usable for said transceiver

operating as said RF tag reader or said Bluetooth transceiver (see 6 of fig. 1) and a mixer to operate both in the first mode operating as a mixer for the radio device operating as said Bluetooth transceiver and in the second mode operating as a mixer for the radio device operating as said radio frequency tag reader (see fig. 1 and col. 2, lines 1-15 of Kotola where in the explanation of the Kuntze reference, it is clear that the same mixer operates in RFID and Bluetooth systems). Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to provide the teachings of Kuntze to said device of Bridgelall in order to reduce the cost and hassle of carrying two separate devices.

Referring to Claim 12, Bridgelall also teaches means for communicating with a radio access network over a radio interface (see 214 of fig. 4).

Referring to Claim 13, Bridgelall also teaches a signal processor 50 (fig. 2) and a mobile telephone transceiver 28 (fig. 1).

Referring to Claim 14, Bridgelall teaches a method comprising:

Switching a mode of a single transceiver able to operate as a radio frequency (RF) tag reader 44 (fig. 2) in one mode and as a Bluetooth transceiver 42 (fig. 2) in another mode (see col. 5, lines 1-15).

Bridgelall does not teach a single antenna usable for said transceiver operating as said RF tag reader or said Bluetooth transceiver and adapting a same mixer of said single transceiver to operate in both modes. Kuntze a single antenna usable for said transceiver operating as said RF tag reader or said Bluetooth transceiver (see 6 of fig. 1) and adapting a same mixer of said single transceiver to operate in both modes (see

fig. 1 and col. 2, lines 1-15 of Kotola where in the explanation of the Kuntze reference, it is clear that the same mixer operates in RFID and Bluetooth systems). Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to provide the teachings of Kuntze to said device of Bridgelall in order to reduce the cost and hassle of carrying two separate devices.

Referring to Claim 15, Bridgelall also teaches said single transceiver is both for interrogating an RF tag and for participating in a Bluetooth piconet (see col. 5, lines 1-15).

Referring to Claim 16, Bridgelall also teaches a single transceiver and single antenna for use in a mobile telephone 28 (fig. 1) and operating a mobile telephone transceiver of said mobile telephone over a radio interface to a radio access network (see 214 of fig. 4).

Referring to Claim 17, Kuntze also teaches a single antenna is useable for said transceiver operating as said radio frequency tag reader or as said Bluetooth transceiver (see fig. 1).

Referring to Claim 18, Kuntze also teaches said single transceiver is configured to operate with a single antenna when operating as said radio frequency tag reader or as said Bluetooth transceiver (see fig. 1).

Referring to Claim 19, Kuntze also teaches said controller is configured to control the at least one mixer to operate with a different gain and bias current according to mode of operation as a radio frequency tag reader or as a Bluetooth transceiver (see fig. 1 and ABSTRACT).

Referring to Claim 20, Kuntze also teaches said controller is configured to control the at least one mixer to operate with a different gain and bias current in said first mode than in said second mode (see fig. 1 and ABSRACT).

Referring to Claim 21, Kuntze also teaches said control is configured to control the at least one mixer to operate with a different gain and bias current in said first mode than in said second (see fig. 1 and ABSRACT).

Referring to Claim 22, Kuntze also teaches said adapting said at least one mixer of said single transceiver to operate in both modes comprises adapting a first selected gain and bias current in said one mode and a second selected gain and bias current in said other mode (see fig. 1 and ABSRACT).

Response to Arguments

3. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-22 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

The Gunnarson reference was replaced by the Kuntze reference in order to read on the claims as amended.

Conclusion

4. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to EUGENE YUN whose telephone number is (571)272-7860. The examiner can normally be reached on 9:00am-6:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Duc Nguyen can be reached on (571)272-7503. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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